

of the information provided, Customs shall notify the carrier-applicant in writing of Customs determination as to whether the carrier-applicant is qualified to participate in the LBCIP. In cases of selection, Customs will sign and return one of the copies of the written agreement. In cases of non-selection, the written notice shall clearly state the reason(s) for denial and recite the applicant's appeal rights under paragraph (b) of this section.

(a) *Grounds for nonselection.* The port director may deny a carrier's application to participate in the LBCIP for any of the following reasons:

(1) Evidence of any criminal or dishonest conduct involving the carrier, a corporate officer, designated drivers, or other person the port director determines is exercising substantial ownership or control over the carrier operation or corporate officer;

(2) Evidence of improper use of designated conveyances;

(3) Evidence that the written agreement was entered into by fraud or misstatement of a material fact; or

(4) A determination is made that the grant of LBCIP privileges would endanger the revenue or security of the Customs area.

(b) *Appeal of determination.* Carrier-applicants not selected to participate in the LBCIP and who wish to appeal the decision shall either:

(1) Appeal the adverse determination in accordance with the appeal procedure set forth in § 123.75(c) of this part; or

(2) Cure any deficiency in the first application by submitting a new application to the port director who denied the previous application after waiting 60 days from the date of issuance of the first determination.

§ 123.75 Notice of revocation; appeal of decision.

(a) *Revocation.* The port director may immediately revoke a carrier's participation in the LBCIP and cancel the written agreement for any of the following applicable reasons:

(1) The selection and written agreement were obtained through fraud or the misstatement of a material fact by the carrier;

(2) The carrier, a corporate officer, or other person the port director determines is exercising substantial ownership or control over the carrier operation or corporate officer, is indicted for, convicted of, or has committed acts which would constitute any felony or misdemeanor under United States Federal or State law. In the absence of an indictment, conviction, or other legal process, the port director must have probable cause to believe the proscribed acts occurred;

(3) The carrier-participant allows an unauthorized person or entity to use its LBCIP certificate or other approved form of identification;

(4) The carrier-participant misuses authorized conveyances;

(5) The carrier-participant refuses or otherwise fails to follow any proper order of a Customs officer or any Customs order, rule, or regulation;

(6) The carrier-participant fails to operate in accordance with the terms of the written agreement; or

(7) Continuation of LBCIP privileges would endanger the revenue or security of the Customs area in the judgment of the port director.

(b) *Notice.* When a decision revoking participation has been made, the port director shall notify the carrier-participant of the decision in writing. The notice of revocation shall clearly state the reason(s) for revocation and recite the applicant's appeal rights under paragraph (c) of this section.

(c) *Appeal of decision.* Carrier-participants that receive a notice of revocation and who wish to appeal the decision shall file a written appeal with the Assistant Commissioner, Office of Field Operations, U.S. Customs Service, Washington, DC 20229, within 10 calendar days of receipt of the notice. The appeal shall be filed in duplicate and shall set forth the carrier's responses to the grounds specified by the port director in the notice. Within 30 working days of receipt of the appeal, the Assistant Commissioner, or his designee, shall make a determination regarding the appeal and notify the applicant in writing.